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CONSIDERATIONS

Hmbly Offered

To the Honourable House of Commons,

For Raifing to Her Majesty the Sum of 89730 l. per ann.
And thereby to advance the Interest of the Poor 196575 per ann.
And will ad to the Consumption of the Ma- } 327625 per ann.
nufactory.
And no Duty laid on any Manufactory; nor any of her Majestys
Subjects One Penny the worfe.

According to the Estimate of the Propofals for 112500 l. per Ann. to be laid up-
on Hatts, there be in *England* and *Wales* Seven Millionr of Perfons, if fo, it may
be computed rhat there be half as many in *Scotland*, which in all is Ten Millions
and half, and if one Weaver be accounted to Cloath 40 Perfons is very rea-
fonable, and that a third part as many be allowed to the Export, to add the number of
Weavers may be computed to be 327625, and the *Wooll-combers* may be computed to a-
bout 40000, which in all is 367625, and that every one of these do pay One Shilling
every Quarter of a year, that is 4 s. a year, which may easily be paid by Two days work
done extraordinary in a whole Year amounts to 73525 l. and that all Perfons that does
follow any of the Weaving Trade with Treddle or Shuttle, and all *Wooll-combers* that
have learnt already be permitted to have a Cirrifcate and continue the Trade, paying
Quarterly One Shilling as aforefaid, that there be a penalty to oblige them to it.

2. For time to come, all that follow the faid Trades or Calling be bound Prentice to the
fame, and immediately after being Bound, do come to the Office and pay to her Majesty
each, the Master 5 s. and the Prentice 5 s. which will be but once in ther life time, and
and this with the Stamp Paper or Parchment will amount to about 16205 l. per Ann. by rea-
fonable Computation, all which is to her Majesty 89730 l. the value of the Goods that eve-
ry Weaver makes in the 2 Days in the year to pay Tax with may be worth 20 s. each
Mans work, the Wooll with other materials may be worth 4 s. of it, and 16 s. is to the
Poors profit for working it, which by computation comes to 196575 l. per Annum, the value
of the Goods made extraordinary ads to the Consumption of the Manufactory 327625 l.
per Annum.

3. It's humbly conceived, that by Perfons serving a time to their Trades, they can make
the truer work, which is a credit to the Merchant, and advanceth the price of Goods, and
caufeth a greater call for it to Forain Markets:

4. By the Weavers and Combers taking Cirtificates, the true number of them may be
known the first giving out the Cirtificares, which may be sent to Places appointed, and
the People may come or fend for them, and pay 1 s. for them every Quarter; so this Tax
may be easily raifed and not much trouble, and by the number of Tickets, the increafe or
decrease of the Manufacturies may be discerned, and in what branch thereof; and as the
Duty do not lye on the Goods it will not raife the Price thereof; but the Propofal for
Raifing Money by Hatts is laid on the Goods, and if the maker pays it, it will be 3 s. a day
for every Man he imployes, for a Mau can make 3 Beverets in a day; but the Weavers 4 s.
a year will be no los to them, for they may have Money with a Prentice when all must
serve their time, and they will have more work to do, for the Goods being better wrought
will make them fell better, all which will advantage the Weaver ten times more then two
days work in a year; yet this will not restrain the Trade, because, as the Trade grows,
they may have as many Prentices as they please, and if there be Books kept for every feve-
ral fort of Goods feperate, it may be the easier discern'd how every branch thrives, broad
Cloath or Serges, Stuffs, Linner or Silks, so that the state and growth may at any time be
examined into.

All which is Humbly Submitted to the Honourable House.

By William Tapscott.

PROPOSALS
For Raising to Her
Majesty 89730 l, per
Ann. without damni-
fying any Person, or
laying any Duty on
any Manufactory.

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